

I am very concerned that several petitioners (RM10807, RM10811, as well as the proposal by the PR Radio Relay League) have proposed making the written exams more rigorous if Morse Code requirements are relaxed. I believe these petitioners have not considered the impact which their proposals would have on YOUTH who want to become Amateur licensees. I spend 100-200 hours per year teaching Amateur Radio to children, parents, and other adults in Scouting venues and other settings. Some do not realize that doing away with the Novice license entry point actually made getting a license more difficult for young persons. We should be very careful to NOT make the entry level to Amateur Radio any more difficult than it is right now.